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SUBJECT: IS PAPER ON LATEST WARSAW PACT PCC

REF: USNATO 2860

1. DEPARTMENT IS IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH THE ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS PRESENTED IN IS STUDY EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW.
2. PARA 1 - DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT MAIN AIM OF PCC MEETING WAS TO VOICE SUPPORT AND PUSH FOR SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF CSCE IN PARTICULAR, AND EUROPEAN SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL DETENTE IN GENERAL. THE REVIEW OF SITUATION IN VIETNAM, CHILE, AND MIDDLE EAST WAS SECONDARY TO THIS PURPOSE OF THE MEETING.
3. PARA 8 - MOST NOTEWORTHY ASPECT OF THE MBFR TREATMENT WAS WARSAW PACT'S CONTINUING FAILURE TO ENDORSE USSR'S NOVEMBER 8 FORCE REDUCTION PROPOSALS. THIS IS IN ALL
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LIKELIHOOD RESULT OF ROMANIA'S UNWILLINGNESS TO DEAL

WITH SUBJECT ON BLOC-TO-BLOC BASIS.

4. PARA 18 - DEPARTMENT DOUBTS THAT COMPREHENSIVENESS
OF APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IN THIS PCC DIFFERS

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IN ANY MEANINGFUL DEGREE FROM THAT IN OTHER MEETINGS,
OR THAT "THIS NEW ATTITUDE MARKS A CHANGE IN THE
ROLE ASSIGNED TO IT." RATHER, THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE
APPEARS TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE NUMBER OF CRISES PCC
FEELS IT CAN USEFULLY EXPLOIT. DEPARTMENT ALSO
BELIEVES THAT MOSCOW WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTINUE TO
MAKE USE OF WARSAW PACT MACHINERY FOR CONSULTATION AND
POLICY COORDINATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE. FAILING TO
GET AGREEMENT (E.G. BECAUSE OF ROMANIA'S OPPOSITION)
IT IS LIKELY TO RELY ON CRIMEA-TYPE INFORMAL
MEETINGS OF PACT LEADERS TO DEAL WITH ISSUES WHERE UN-
ANIMITY NOT OBTAINABLE. RUSH

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